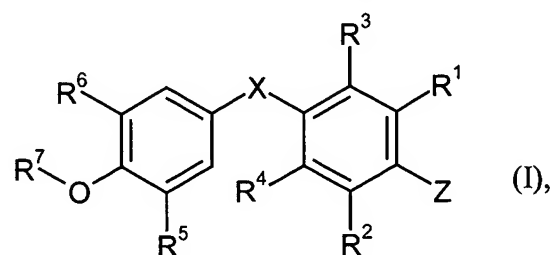


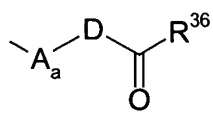
### Amendments to the Abstract:

Please delete the abstract and replace it with the following new abstract.

The present invention relates to compounds of the general formula (I)



in which X represents O, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>, CHF, CF<sub>2</sub> or NR<sup>8</sup>, and Z represents a group of the formula



in which A represents O or S, the subscript "a" is 0 or 1, group D represents a straight-chain (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylene group, and R<sup>36</sup> represents OR<sup>37</sup> or NR<sup>38</sup>R<sup>39</sup>. It also relates to processes for preparation of such compounds and to their use in medicaments for the treatment of depression, goiter, cancer of the thyroid gland, arteriosclerosis, hypercholesterolaemia, dyslipidaemia, obesity, cardiac insufficiency, pulmonary emphysema, pain, migraine, Alzheimer's disease, osteoporosis, cardiac arrhythmias, hypothyroidism, skin disorders or diabetes.